IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Todd Allen Berg et al.

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STRUCTURES, AND METHODS OF MAKING AND

INSTALLING SAME

Art Unit : 3738

Examiner : Bruce Edward Snow

New York, New York 10036

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2008, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing starting on page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this reply.